

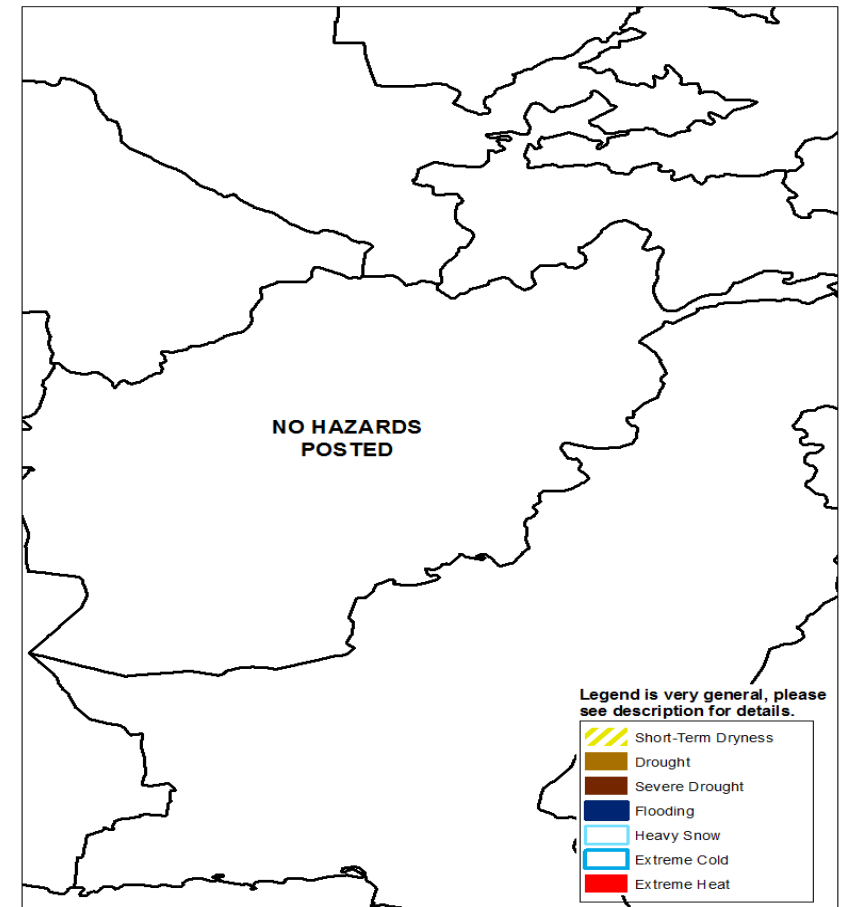
Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET October 12-18, 2011

Temperatures:

During early October, temperatures continued to remain above average. The above-average temperatures follows several weeks of anomalously high temperatures in September experienced throughout Afghanistan. Central parts of Afghanistan saw the largest positive temperatures anomalies (8 degrees C or more). Although temperatures are expected to remain above normal during the upcoming week, minimum temperatures are expected to fall below freezing in the northeast mountains and near freezing in the central highlands.

Precipitation

During the last week, a slight increase in precipitation was observed across portions of the northeast highlands with light to moderate shower activity along the Afghanistan/Pakistan border. In the northeast highlands where temperatures fell below freezing, some precipitation fell as snow in the highest elevations during the last seven days. Rainfall forecasts suggest an uptick in precipitation across much of Afghanistan during the next seven days. Rainfall amounts between 5-20mm are expected throughout the central highlands, with the possibility of locally heavier amounts (>20mm) towards the north and west.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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